



City of Richmond

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Meeting Minutes Urban Design Committee

Thursday, April 7, 2016

10:00 AM

5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall

Call to Order

Roll Call

Present -- 8 - * Chair Andrea Almond, * Chris Arias, * Andrew P. Gould, * Bryan Green, * Giles Harnsberger, * Vice Chair Andrea Levine, * Jill Nolt and * Robert Smith

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the February 22, 2016 special meeting to tour the Broad & E Main St Corridor

Attachments: [Bus Tour Meeting Minutes](#)

Andrea Levine moved to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2016 special meeting and tour of the Broad Street Corridor and Chris Arias seconded. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote; Andrea Almond & Jill Nolt abstained.

Aye -- 6 - Arias, Gould, Green, Harnsberger, Levine and Smith

Abstain -- 2 - Almond and Nolt

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Urban Design Committee on March 10, 2016

Attachments: [Minutes of the March 10, 2016 UDC Meeting](#)

Giles Harnsberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016 regular meeting of the UDC. Chris Arias seconded and the motion carried by 7-0 vote. Robert Smith abstained due to being absent from the March UDC Meeting.

Aye -- 7 - Almond, Arias, Gould, Green, Harnsberger, Levine and Nolt

Abstain -- 1 - Smith

Secretary's Report

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Final Location, Character and Extent Review of a sign identifying Albert Hill Middle School, 3400 Patterson Avenue

Attachments: [Application & Plans](#)
[Staff Report to UDC](#)

The consent agenda contained one item; the location, character, and extent of a sign for Albert Hill Middle School. Chris Arias asked if they were approving both options presented; Kathleen Onufer answered that the UDC can approve both options so that the applicant may choose either of the colors presented as options. Chris Arias expressed appreciation for the improvements in the design of the sign between conceptual and final approval and appreciation that the applicant was willing to hear UDC opinions. Andrea Levine made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, Robert Smith, seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Final Location, Character and Extent review of rental outpost for the Richmond Cycling Corps' Kickstand at 3011 Water St; UDC No. 2016-11

Attachments: [Application & Plans](#)
[Staff Report to UDC](#)
[Public Comment - In Support](#)

Jill Nolt asked if the Kickstand signage would be present on the other side of the structure, and requested additional signage that would be visible from the road. The applicant agreed to consider strategies for signage. Andrea Levine asked if they had considered the staff recommendation for additional lighting. The applicant answered that they did not want to be open during dusk hours. Chris Arias asked if there was power to the site, the applicant answered no and that rentals would operate by a swipe and card reader. Andrew Gould asked if there was a privacy fence around the Portajohn; the applicant answered yes, an 8 ft wooden fence. Robert Smith asked for clarification about pedestrian lighting and staff's recommendation; Kathleen Onufer answered that the pedestrian lighting is located on the opposite side of the trail as the proposed structure and that the staff recommendation is to consider additional lighting, whether solar or battery powered, as necessary. Giles Harnsberger commented that this was a great project and it was good to see more youth from the East End at the River.

Giles Harnsberger made a motion to approve the final location, character, and extent of UDC 2016-11 with the staff recommendation that the applicant consider temporary lighting options as the proposed hours of operations will be after dusk; as well as an additional consideration that signage be visible from Water Street

Aye -- 8 - Almond, Arias, Gould, Green, Harnsberger, Levine, Nolt and Smith

5. Conceptual Location, Character and Extent review of Maggie Walker Memorial Plaza; UDC No. 2016-12

Attachments: [Application & Plans](#)
[Staff Report to UDC](#)
[Comment Letter from the Commission of Architectural Review](#)
[Public Comment - Against](#)
[Public Comment - In Support](#)
[Public Comment Presentations to the UDC](#)
[Petitions of Support & for Taller Statuary](#)

After extensive public comment and discussion, the UDC voted to recommend that the Planning Commission grant conceptual approval of UDC 2016-12 for approval with staff recommendations that the applicant consider: strategies to increase the size of the plaza space and expand hardscape, including re-orienting more seating towards the memorial and public art elements; Strategies other than bollards to delineate the plaza boundary along the West Broad St. curb; Removing the street tree(s) which may be located within the Brook Road historic bed

As well as the following additional considerations:
 That the applicant investigate a species other than Everclear that create shade and enclosure for the trees on Adams St;
 Removal of the dedication wall that's a component of the plaza design;
 Recommend investigating locally or regionally-sourced granite materials for public art components;
 Recommend exploring ways to create more shade in the plaza;
 Recommend exploring ways to create a variety of seating and increased pedestrian opportunity for viewing and interacting with the statuary;
 Recommending that the curb lines of the historic Brook Rd right of way be maintained and that use of cobblestone or other local material on Brook Rd be utilized to bring Brook Road to plaza-grade;
 Recommend downlighting on the statuary to be 3000 color temperature;
 Recommend that the applicant provide schedule and cut-sheets for lighting, furniture, receptacles, and bicycle accommodations with materials that are referential to the culture of Jackson Ward;
 Recommend a future study of parking and loading requirements around the plaza;
 Recommend the addition of a crosswalk at Adams and Brook Road to facilitate safe pedestrian movement to plaza;
 Recommend maintaining and preserving sightlines to the Maggie Walker statue.
 Recommend that the applicant study further stormwater strategies.

Aye -- 6 - Almond, Arias, Gould, Harnsberger, Levine and Nolt

No -- 1 - Green

Excused -- 1 - Smith

6. Parklet Design Guidelines

Attachments: [Parklet Design Guidelines](#)

This Location, Character and Extent Item was continued and referred back to the Urban Design Committee due back on 5/5/2016

OTHER BUSINESS

Adjournment